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PREVIOUSLY...

THE SEARCH CONTINUES!

Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends—the Freedom Fighters—are out to stop the Shattered World crisis!

They've tracked down most of the **Chaos Emeralds**, but they still need to find the **seven Gaia Temples** and the **Gaia Temple Keys**! But **Dr. Eggman** has also been seeking the temples and he has the last remaining emerald—

which means securing it **won't be easy...**



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COOL EDGE
ZONE, ARTIKA...

CHIP
ANCIENT
SPIRIT

YEAH!
WOO! SHOW
THE EGG ARMY
WHO'S BOSS,
SONIC!

ONE
SEC, CHIP!
I'M GIVING
THIS ONE A
"PARKA"
TICKET!

SONIC
FASTEST
THING
ALIVE

ROTOR
BATTLE
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COLD HEARTED

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REALLY?
DON'T TELL ME
YOU'RE PROUD
OF THAT ONE.

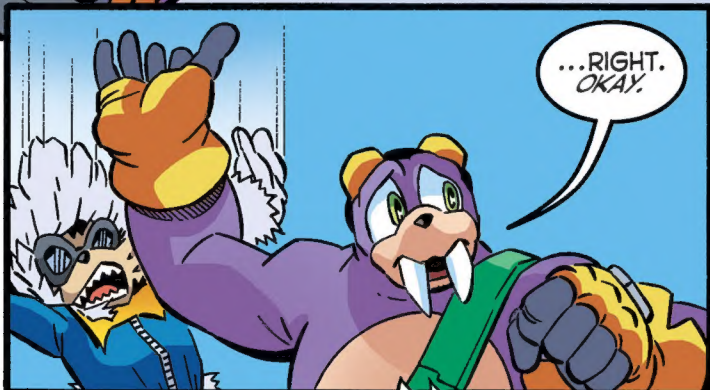
EH, I'M
COLD, AND I
USED UP ALL
MY ICE-RELATED
PUNS ON THE
WAY HERE.



BUUUUT THAT'S NO
EXCUSE FOR LAME
JOKES. MIGHT AS
WELL QUIT WHILE I'M
AHEAD.

WHAT?!

YOU HEARD ME, DUDE.
WE'RE OUT-NUMBERED
AND OUT-GUNNED.
WE'RE SURRENDERING.



...RIGHT.
OKAY.



EEP! IN
THAT CASE--
I'M OUTTA
HERE!



WE'RE
TAKING YOU
STRAIGHT TO
THE EGG
BOSS!

OH, NO.
WOE IS
US.

SNRK!
SHHH!
STICK TO
THE ACT.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!

WE BEAT
THE SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!

SOON...

OOH!
ROOMY!

THIS IS THE EGG
ARMY BASE?! HA!
I'VE GOT BETTER
TECH BACK ON
THE SKY PATROL!

YOU WILL SHOW
RESPECT
TO YOUR BETTERS,
ANARCHIST.

HA! I HAVEN'T
BEEN CALLED
THAT BEFORE.

I'M GUESSING
YOU'RE THE
JOKER WHO
GIVES THE
ORDERS TO
THESE MOOKS?

THAT'S RIGHT.
I AM *EGG BOSS
TUNDRA*, DOCTOR
EGGMAN'S
CHOSEN MASTER
OF THIS ICY
DOMAIN.

YOU NEED NO
INTRODUCTIONS,
SONIC. NOR DO
YOU...

...SON.



WHEN DID...*HOW* COULD...?



YOU BETRAYED OUR VILLAGE TO JOIN **EGGMAN?!?**

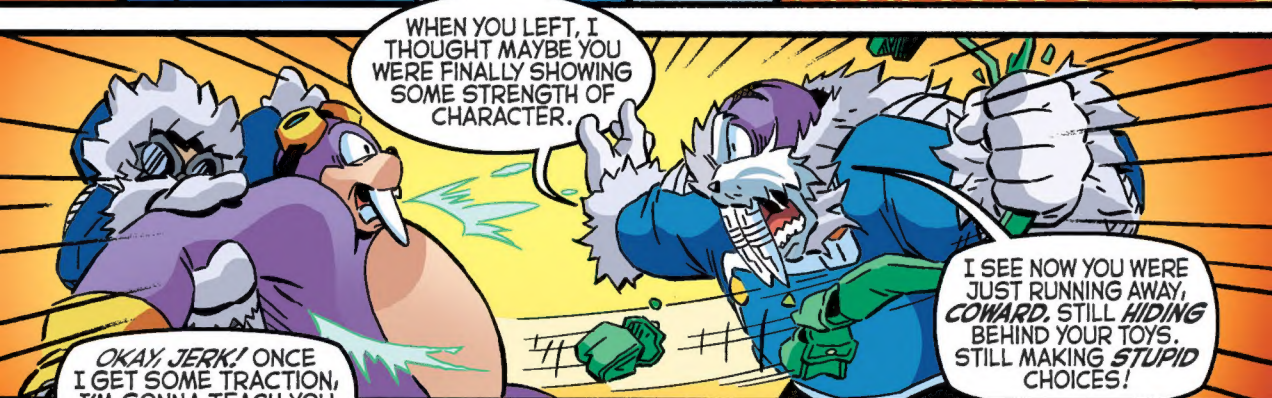
THE DOCTOR **CONQUERED** US.

THANKFULLY, HE RECOGNIZED THAT ONLY *I* WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO ENFORCE HIS WILL HERE.

HOW CAN YOU BE *OKAY* WITH THIS?!



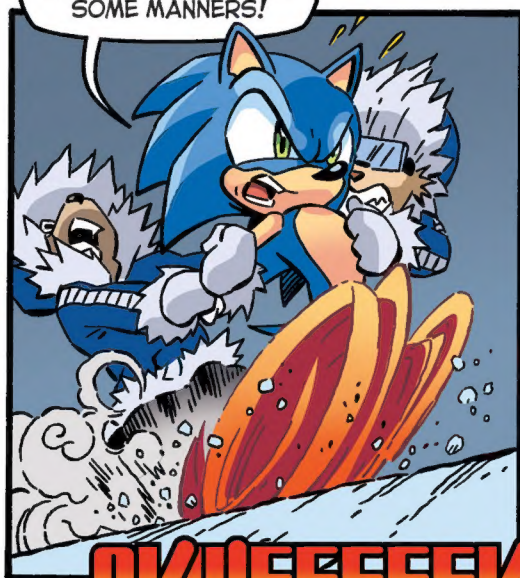
BECAUSE *MIGHT* MAKES *RIGHT*! **EGGMAN** PROVED HE WAS STRONGER. THAT GIVES HIM THE RIGHT TO RULE.



WHEN YOU LEFT, I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU WERE FINALLY SHOWING SOME STRENGTH OF CHARACTER.

OKAY, JERK! ONCE I GET SOME TRACTION, I'M GONNA TEACH YOU SOME MANNERS!

I SEE NOW YOU WERE JUST RUNNING AWAY, *COWARD*. STILL *HIDING* BEHIND YOUR TOYS. STILL MAKING *STUPID* CHOICES!



SKWEEEEEEK

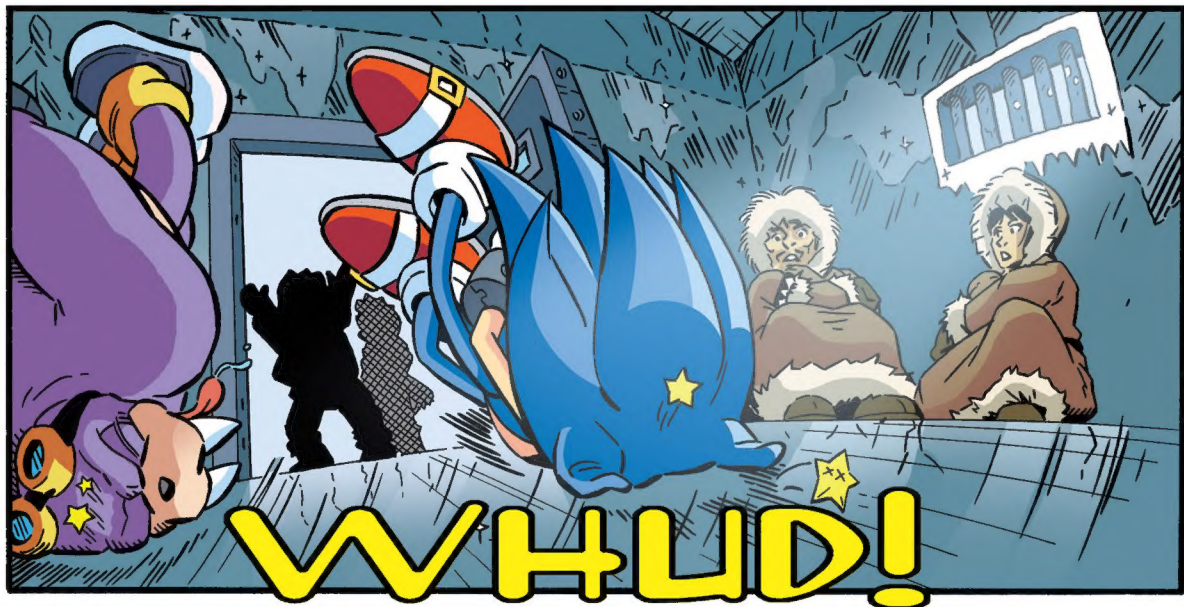
SKWEEEEEEK



FEH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE THINKING BY SURRENDERING, BUT YOU WILL **NOT** RECEIVE MERCY!

TAKE THEM TO THE CELLS. THE COLD SHOULD SETTLE THEM DOWN...

...BEFORE I DELIVER THEM TO DOCTOR **EGGMAN!**



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THAT DEPENDS --ARE YOU JARI-THURE AND SARIANNA?

Y-YES?

THEN I'M GREAT!

HOW DID YOU KNOW TO LOOK FOR US HERE? *WHY* DID YOU COME FOR US?

YES--BECAUSE *SOME-BODY* DECIDED TO GO OUT INTO THE NIGHT DESPITE KNOWING HOW DANGEROUS IT WAS!

EXCUSE ME? MAYBE I HAD TO PICK UP THE SLACK SINCE *SOME-BODY* WOULDN'T DO HIS DUTY!

ASIDE FROM I'M JUST COOL LIKE THAT? I'M TRYING...



...TO PUT THE WORLD BACK TOGETHER, AND THE OLD SAGE GREGORIOS SAID YOU TWO HAD THE GAIA KEYS I NEED TO DO IT!*

WHEN WE GOT TO YOUR VILLAGE, THE HEAD OF THE CLAN SAID YOU'D BEEN CAUGHT BY THE EGG ARMY.

*STH #272



B-BUT THERE'S *MONSTERS* ON THE ICE AT NIGHT! AND THE EGG ARMY! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGHT--?

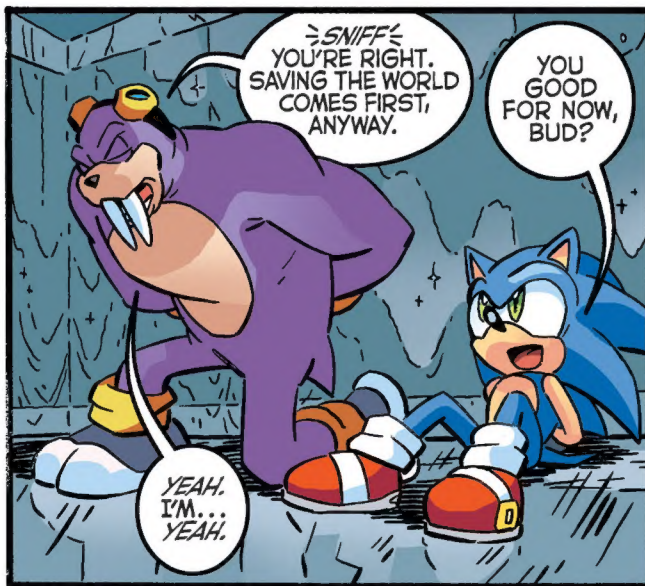
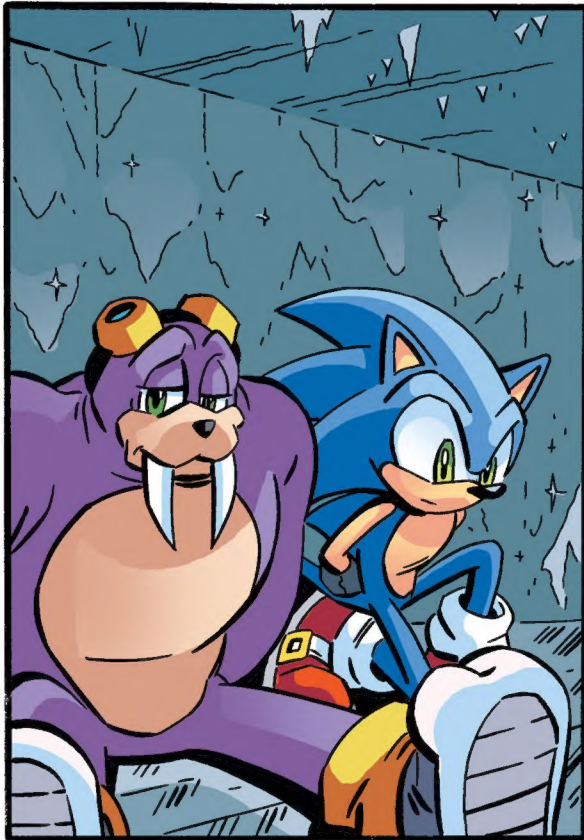
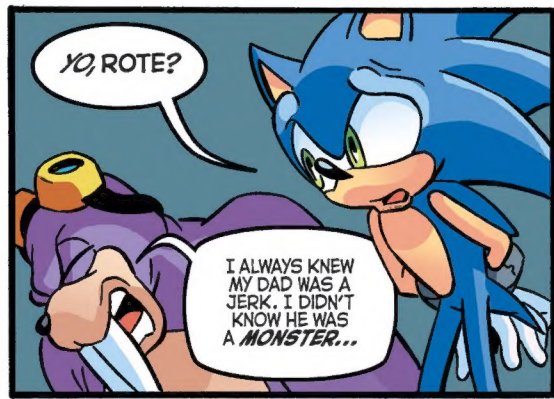
YOU'RE THE CHIEF'S SON!

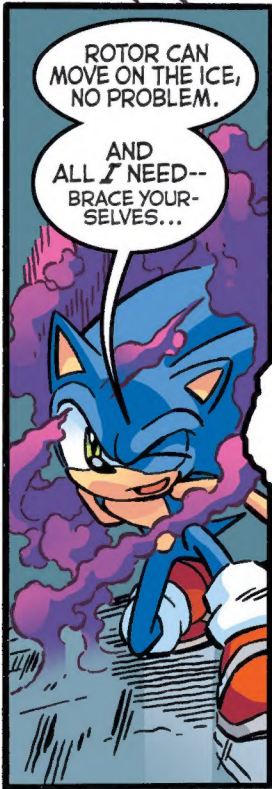


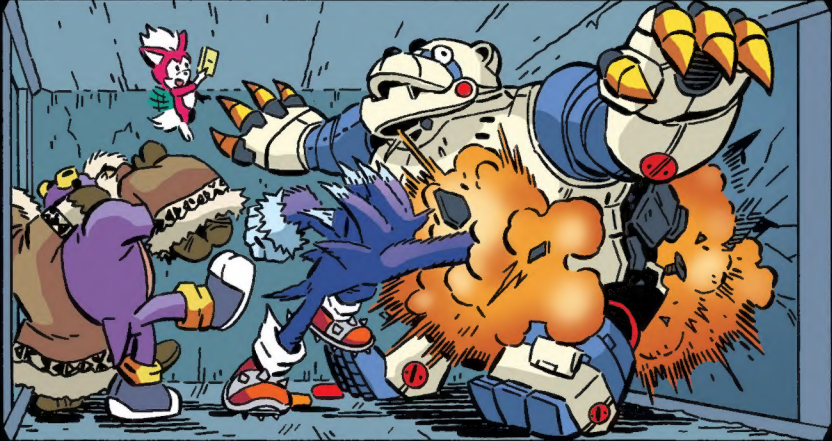
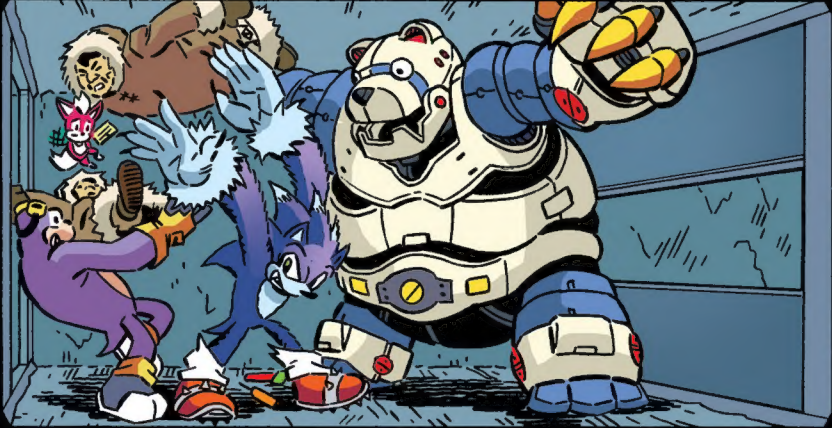
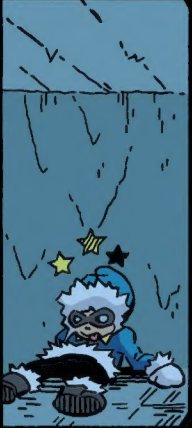
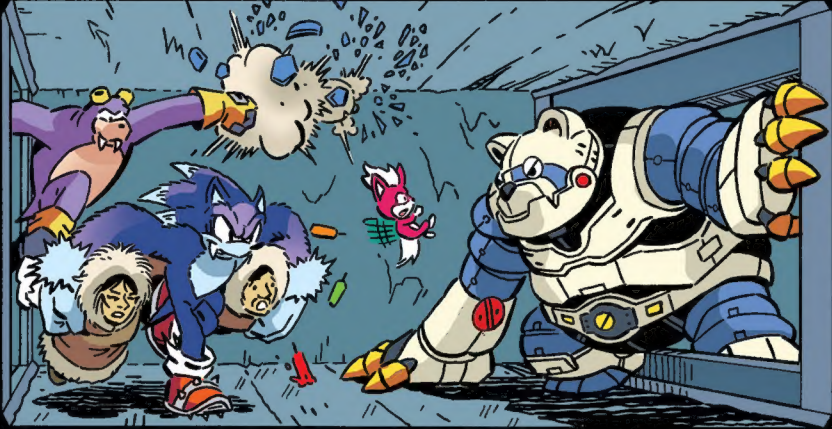
I'LL... GIVE YOU GUYS A MINUTE...

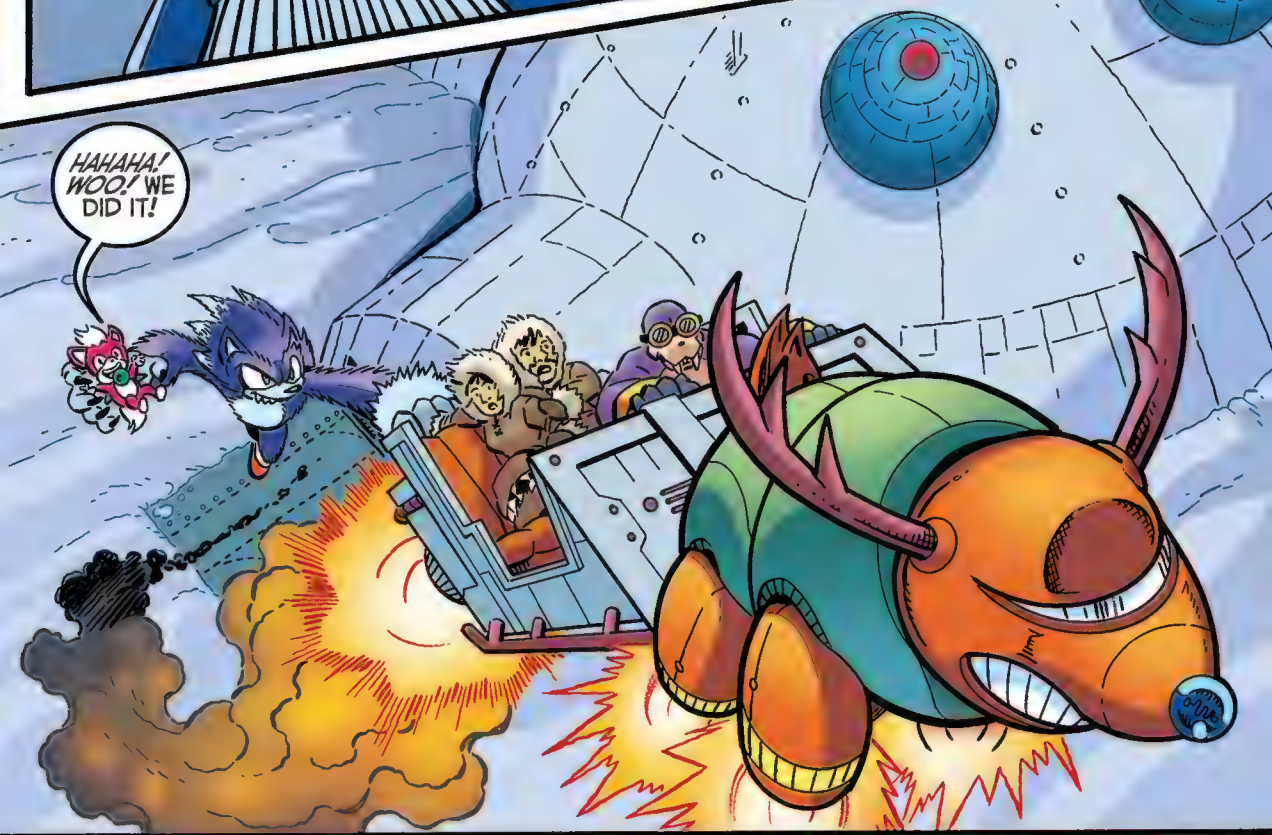
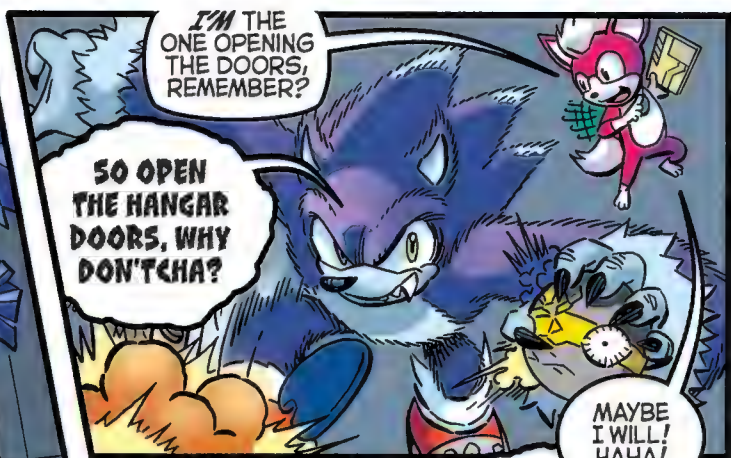
I'M SORRY ...!

WHAT KIND OF EXAMPLE ARE YOU SETTING FOR OUR DAUGHTER? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PATROL THE VILLAGE AND PROTECT IT!









LATER, IN JARITHURE'S HOME VILLAGE...

...AND WHILE MY HEART IS *STILL* RACING, MY WIFE AND I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!

HAVIN' FUN BACK THERE?

YOU'RE SO FLUFFY!

THE SAFETY OF THE WORLD IS IN CAPABLE HANDS. HERE-TAKE OUR SUN AND MOON KEYS. THEY WILL GRANT ACCESS TO THE GAIA TEMPLE.

ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T NEED US TO SHOW YOU THE WAY THERE?

WE'VE GOT IT COVERED. YOU'LL SEE.

THIS FROZEN MEAT SOUP IS AMAZING ...!

NOOOO...

READY TO GET BACK TO THE SKY PATROL?

YEAH... MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME...

END

ABOARD THE
DEATH EGG...

THE FINAL
REPORTS ARE IN!
MY DREAM OF A
REFINERY, THEME
PARK AND DEATH
TRAP--FINALLY
FUSED INTO
ONE! **EGGMAN
LAND IS
COMPLETE!**

NOW MY
CONQUEST OF THIS
BROKEN MUDBALL OF
A PLANET ISN'T A
MATTER OF "IF,"
BUT A MATTER OF
"WHEN"!

DR. EGGMAN
MAD GENIUS

EGGMANLAND

HAHAHAHAHA!

BACK IN
BUSINESS

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ORBOT
SASSY
ASSISTANT

ANY REASON
YOU SPENT ALL
THE EXTRA TIME
AND RESOURCES
TO BUILD RIDES
INTO YOUR
REFINERY?

THEY'RE
DEADLY
RIDES! AND
YES--
BECAUSE IT
MAKES ME
HAPPY!

AS...
"LOGICAL"
AS EVER,
BOSS.

EEEE!
IT'S
ALREADY
BEGUN
DRAWING
IN...

...THE
DARK GAIA
ENERGY FROM
AROUND THE
WORLD!

EVENTUALLY, ALL OF THAT
RAW, GRUESOME POWER
WILL BE FUNNELED INTO
MY DEATH EGG!

IT WILL BE SUPER-
CHARGED, EVER-LASTING
AND UNSTOPPABLE!
WHHAHAHAHAHAHA!

WE'D ALREADY
HAVE UNLIMITED
POWER IF YOUR
EGG PRISON-TRAP-
ROCKET DIDN'T GO
OFF COURSE AND
LOSE YOUR ONE
AND ONLY CHAOS
EMERALD.

EVERYTHING ELSE
ABOUT THAT TRAP
WENT FLAWLESSLY! X

ASIDE
FROM THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
ESCAPING, YOU
MEAN?

SHUT YOUR
FACE BEFORE
I SHUT IT
FOR YOU!

CUBOT
ASSISTANT
AND COFFEE
TABLE



HMPH...I'LL GRANT YOU THAT SONIC AND HIS MANGY MENAGERIE HAVE GOTTEN AHEAD OF ME IN COLLECTING CHAOS EMERALDS...

BUT I SUCCESSFULLY STOLE THE GAIA MANUSCRIPTS!* I DECIPHERED THEIR SECRETS!

...MOSTLY...

AND NOW MY EGG ARMY HAS ALREADY SECURED SOME OF THE GAIA TEMPLES, MEANING I CAN STILL CONTROL THE STATE OF THE WORLD!

* SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOLUME 2.



AH! SO YOU'VE DEVISED A WAY PAST THE DOORS THAT SECURE THE INNERMOST CHAMBERS OF THE TEMPLES ...?



A WAY THAT DOESN'T RISK DESTROYING THE TEMPLES THEMSELVES, THUS RUINING YOUR CHANCES AT CONTROLLING THEM?

WELL... NO...

DID I ORIGINALLY PROGRAM YOU FOR SUCH SASS?

YOU WORK BEST IN A COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT, SIR. AND MY LAZINESS IS TO GIVE YOU A SMUG SENSE OF SUPERIORITY IN YOUR INDUSTRIOUSNESS.



OOH! OOH!
I GOT ONE,
BOSS!

ARE WE GONNA
ATTACK THAT
WEIRD PLANETOID
YOU FOUND
RECENTLY? HUH?
HUH? CAN WE?

...NO. IT LOOKS
LIKE IT WOULD BE
A LOVELY
STAGING GROUND
FOR WORLD-
CONQUEST...

...BUT IT'D BE
MORE PRAGMATIC
TO FOCUS ON
CONQUERING *THIS*
WORLD FIRST.

INVENTORY
ERROR
XXXXXX

I'VE GOT THIS NAGGING
FEELING I *HAD* SOMETHING TO
USE ON THAT WORLD AS WELL,
BUT IT'S NOT SHOWING UP IN
MY FILES.

DID SOMETHING
NOT RESET
CORRECTLY
WHEN... WHAT-
EVER-IT-WAS
HAPPENED?*

*"WORLDS UNITE"
FINALE--MEGA
MAN #52.

BAH! I REALLY NEED TO STOP
MEDDLING WITH SPACE-TIME. ALL
IT DOES IS CAUSE PROBLEMS.

DOES THAT
MEAN YOU WILL
NO LONGER BE
RESEARCHING
THE GENESIS
PORTALS?

HMPH! THE LAST
TIME ANY OF MY
FORCES MESS'D
WITH ONE, I LOST
METAL SONIC! **

I MIGHT
AS WELL
CUT MY
LOSSES
AND--

WE
FOUND
HIM.

** SU #75.

WHAT?!
WHEN?!

HOLD ON, METAL!
POPPA'S COMIN'!

ER... A FEW
WORDS OF
CAUTION, BOSS?
YOUR GENESIS
PORTAL-MAKER
IS EXPERIMENTAL
AT BEST.

JUST
NOW, THE AUTO-
MATED SEARCH HAS
FOUND ENERGY
SIGNATURES MATCH-
ING THOSE FROM
METAL SONIC'S
LAST TRANSMISSION.

BWOOSH!

PLUS
WE CAN'T
SCOUT OUT
NEW COOR-
DINATES--

OOF!

SHVORN

--WE'RE
AT THE MERCY
OF WHATEVER
THIS ONE
HAPPENS TO
CONNECT
TO.

AT
LEAST SEND
A BADNIK OR AN
EGG SOLDIER IN
THERE! IF WE LOSE
YOU, THERE'S NO
TELLING IF WE'LL
EVER GET YOU
BACK!

I'VE BEEN SITTING
UP HERE, SCHEMING
AND DIRECTING, FOR
FAR TOO LONG!

IT'S TIME I GOT MY
HANDS DIRTY AGAIN!

FOR MY
EMPIRE! FOR
SCIENCE!

SHVORN

DISTANT ABYSS
ZONE...

...THIS IS IT?
A DARK, YAWNING
VOID OF CRUSHING
EMPTINESS?

HOW
TRITE!

EGGMAN TO METAL
SONIC! I'M HERE TO
RESCUE YOU!
RESPOND!

HMM...HIS SIGNAL
IS WEAK. HE MUST'VE
SPENT ALL HIS ENERGY
LOOKING FOR A WAY
BACK...

EGAD!

CRASH!

ONE
POINT TO YOU
FOR GETTING
THE DROP ON
ME!



NOW
PAY THE
ULTIMATE
PRICE FOR
SHOWING
ME UP!

ACK!
NO!
KNOCK
IT OFF!

SKREEE!

SKRUNCH!

METAL
SONIC--
RESPOND!
I NEED A
HAND OUT
HERE!

ARGH!
NOT WHAT I
MEANT!





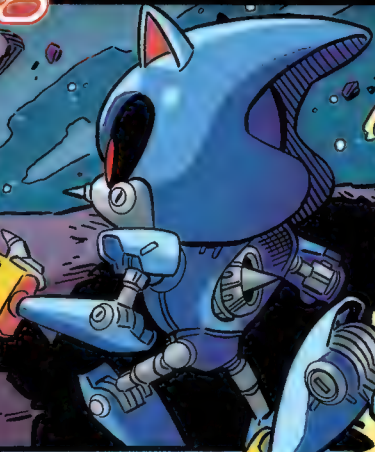
≡KRK≡
RESPOND!
≡VRP≡
≡SHK≡ OUT
HERE!



SKREEEE!



I SWEAR
≡VKTE IF YOU
LET ME DIE
≡BVP≡ I'LL
DESTROY
YOU!



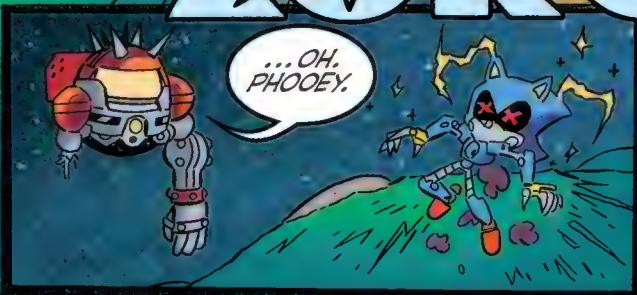
FINALLY!
HA-HA--NICE
HIT!



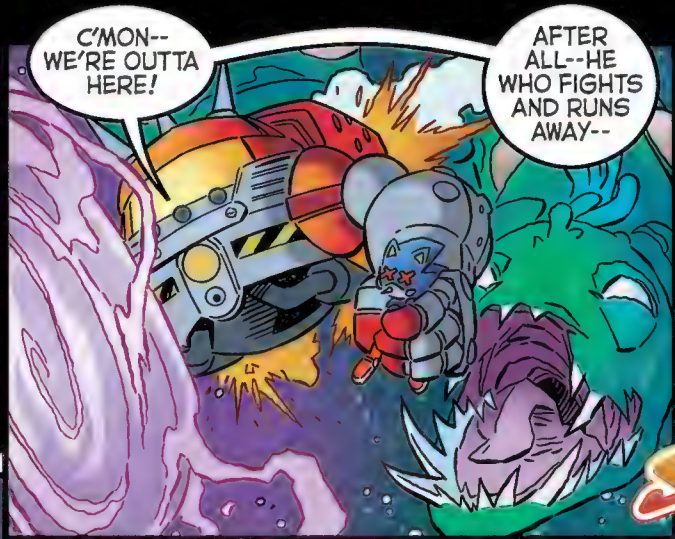
RESERVE
POWER--1%
REROUTING
TO BURST
SHIELD
GENERATOR...

SKREEEE!

ZORCH!



... OH.
PHOOEY.



C'MON--
WE'RE OUTTA
HERE!

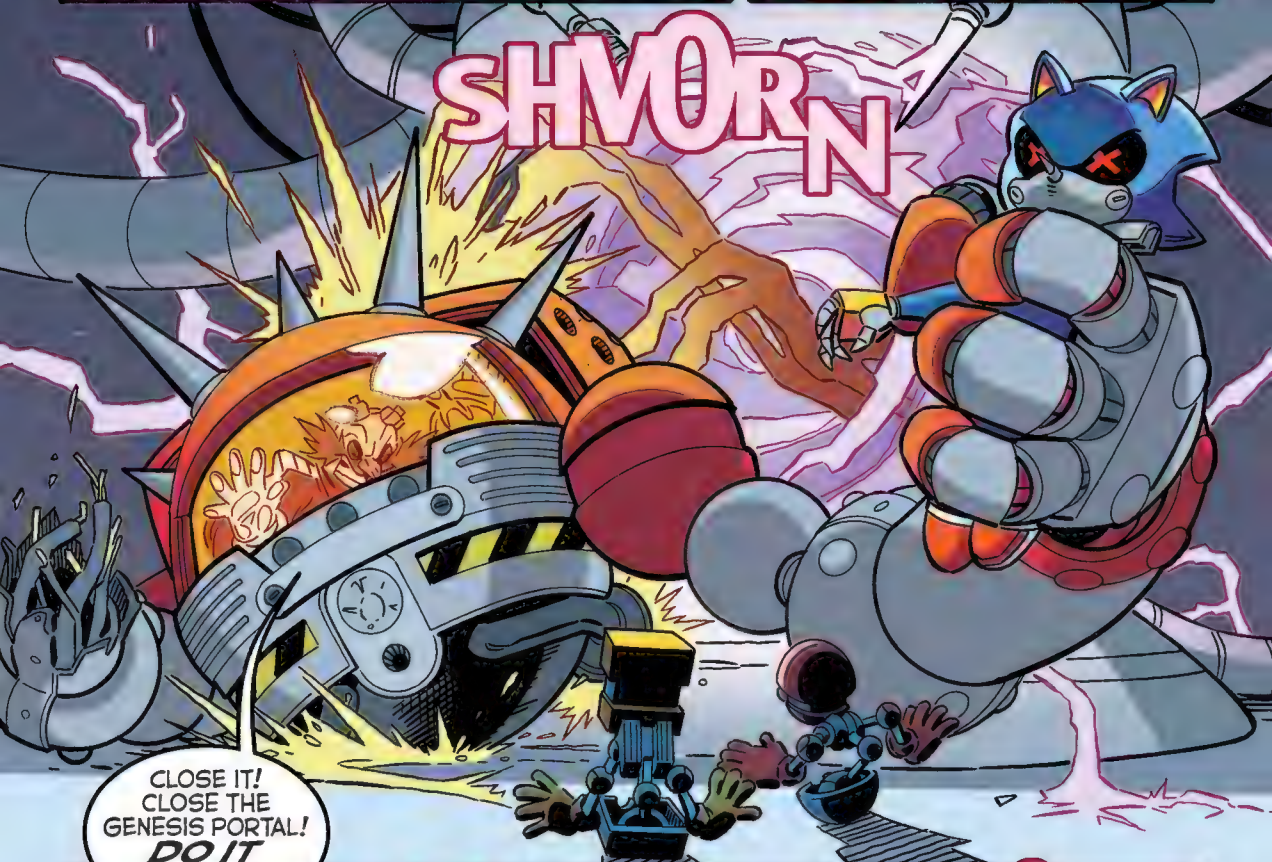
AFTER
ALL--HE
WHO FIGHTS
AND RUNS
AWAY--



--LIVES
TO GLOAT
ABOUT IT
ALL HE
WANTS!

SKREEEE!

SHVORN



CLOSE IT!
CLOSE THE
GENESIS PORTAL!
**DO IT
NOW!**

SHVORN



SKREEEE!



HA-HA-HA!
THAT WAS
EXHILARATING!
MAKES ME
WANT TO VIOLENTLY
TAKE OVER A
NATION!

GET
METAL SONIC
TO A RECHARGE
STATION--
STAT!

I'M OFF
TO BASK IN YET
ANOTHER GLORIOUS
VICTORY!



THERE.
I'VE DONE THE
HARD WORK. YOU
CAN CALL IN
YOUR PUPPETS
NOW.



EEE-
HEE-
HEE!

COME
TO ME, MY
WITCHCARTERS!
THERE'S WORK
TO DO!

WALTER & WENDY
NAUGUS
TROLL WIZARDS

LOOKS LIKE
DR. EGGMAN'S
GOOD LUCK
HAS TAKEN A
TURN FOR THE
WORSE!

AND IS
THAT A
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EMERALD
SHARD?

THE RACE
TO SAVE THE
SHATTERED
WORLD
CONTINUES
NEXT TIME!

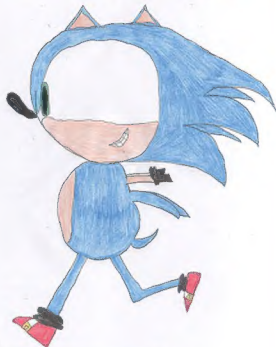
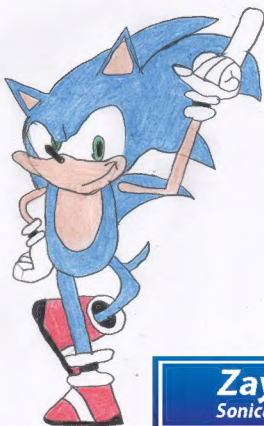
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THEN, THERE'S
MORE ADVENTURE IN
SONIC UNIVERSE, THE
SONIC SUPER SPECIAL
MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER
DIGEST AND THE
GRAPHIC NOVEL
LIBRARY!

SONIC GRAMS

FAN ART



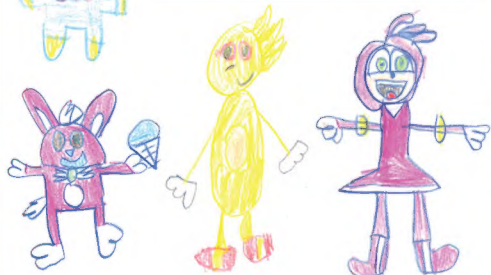
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OFF PANEL

THE SONIC & EGGMAN COMEDY DUO PRIME TIME EGGS-STRAVAGANZA!

OR SUPER CHUCKLE BUDDIES! 64

WELL...SO LONG ROCK, ROLL, BLUES, DR. LIGHT, QUAKE WOMAN, MEGA MAN 2 ROBOT MASTERS, MEGA MAN 3 ROBOT MASTERS, WILY, XANDER, X, AXI, ZERO, SIGMA (GIANT CREEPY JERK), STICKS, FASTIDIOUS BEAVER, COMEDY CHIMP, BILLY, ROLLY, CHICK, BANTAM, AX BATTLER, TYRIS, GILIUS, KEL, BLUE DRAGON, ALEX KIDD, STELLA, NIGHTS, REALA, VYSE, AIKA, FINA, CUPIL, GILDER, DRACHMA, ENRIQUE, ARTHUR, FIREBRAND, AMATERASU, ISSUN, VIEWTIFUL JOE, SEXY SILVIA, RYU, KEN, CHUN-LI, GUILLE, M. BISON, VEGA, BALROG, FELYNE, PALICO, GORE MAGALA, OTHER RYU, NINA, MOMO, GARR, REI, PECO, RUSH (GAAAAAASSSP) AND HONEY! SEE YOU GUYS AT THE NEXT CROSSOVER!



NO YOU WON'T.

I'M GONNA MISS THOSE GUYS BUT I'M GLAD TO FINALLY HAVE SOME TIME ALONE.

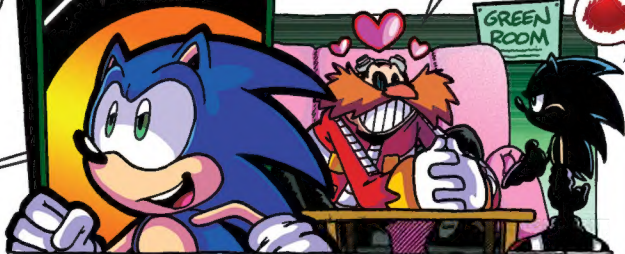
ME TOO!

SO, YOU WANNA BATTLE OR WHAT?

I'M REALLY NOT IN THE MOOD.

CAN WE SAVE IT FOR THE NEXT ISSUE?

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN! HEY, GOT ANYTHING TO EAT IN THE FRIDGE?



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Wow... can you believe it's been a whopping five issues since we've had a proper Sonic letter column? We didn't mean to leave you, our lovable gaggle of adorable readers, in the dark! These things happen!

But we're back now and everything's... **SUPER SONIC!** OOOOOOOHOOHOOHOOHOOHOO!
PUNS ARE MAGICAL!!! Let's begin...

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

My name is Zachary. I am 9 years old and in third grade. We are learning how to write a proper letter and I chose to write to you because I love the Sonic comics. I read them all the time. I love them because they're so good and I love their design. I enjoy reading them at my home or beach house. I think it'd be great to see more comic stories based on the video games! Can you guys do a *Sonic Generations* comic?

Your biggest Sonic comic fan,
Zachary K. c/o Miss Kelly
from New Jersey

Zachary, your letter brought a huge smile to everybody's face when we got it (and thank you for sending it, Miss Kelly)! Actually, our current storyline is based on the video game Sonic Unleashed. We think it's tops! Plus, you can find a great comic tie-in story about Sonic Generations in Sonic #230, available now for digital

download on your favorite mobile device! Happy reading, little buddy!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Remember the good ol' days of Sonic on Sega Genesis? Viva la '90s!

**Kyle A. sent to
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**YEEEEAAHH! BLAST PROCESSING!!!
16-BITS! LOCK-ON TECHNOLOGY!!!
GET HYPE, MAN!!! WOOOOOOOO!!!**

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I've been a huge supporter of Archie's *Sonic the Hedgehog* for a long time! I was thrilled for "Worlds Unite." I'm even doing a panel discussing the Sonic the Hedgehog Archieverse to showcase how the series has changed over the years for the better! I actually have a question regarding the new changes. Seeing as how characters from the *Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog* cartoon have been appearing in the new universe, do you know if Sleet and Dingo from *Sonic Underground* will also show up? I think they would make for great villains for the Egg Army. As always, long live the Eggman Empire!

**Shayne B. sent to
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Hiya, Shayne! Thanks for the letter! We don't have any immediate plans for Sleet or Dingo but you never know what the future will bring!

In the meantime, we're glad you're noticing the "Adventures" characters showing up and kudos on making a Sonic comics panel. That sounds super groovy and neat-to-burrito!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I've been reading the world's most way past cool comic since issue #0 and I have lots of questions! Will you ever do a proper comic adaptation of Sonic '06? Who is Breezie the Hedgehog? Is she a villain or neutral? Why does Snively works in G.U.N.? You guys are great! Keep making awesome comic issues!

**Denisse sent to
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Hi, Denisse! Let's see if we can answer your questions for you:

We did an adaptation of Sonic '06, but goofy ol' Silver travelled back in time and wiped it out of existence! Can you believe that guy? Breezie is a cunning, independent lady hedgehog who runs Casino Park! Villain or hero—she only answers to money and profits! And lastly, Snively works for G.U.N. because he's reached a "hollow point" in his career! OOOO-OOOOHOHOHOHO! Dem puns! :) So long, gang! See you next time!

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